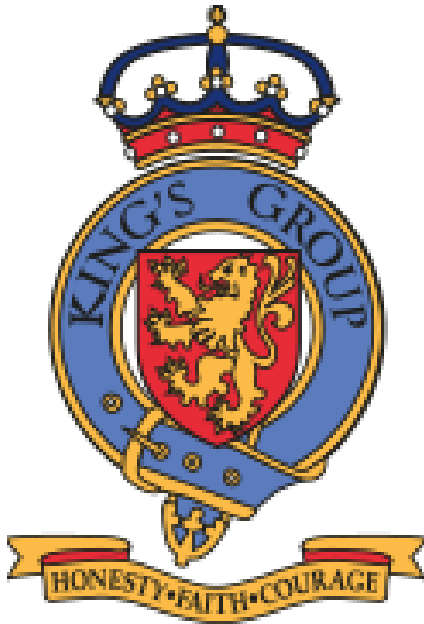


# KINGS ACADEMY BINFIELD & OAKWOOD NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MOORE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to be able to write to you in the newsletter today ahead of my return on Monday 13th November 2023. I am really looking forward to coming back to work to see all the students and staff and to get back to normal as far as possible. I will be having a phased return, on the advice of the consultant, but hope to be back full time as soon as possible.

In my absence we have received a visit from Ofsted at King's Academy Oakwood. I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, and governors for all the hard work that has taken place this week. Though the result is not yet available, everyone at KAO has done a brilliant job over the last five years and I hope that Ofsted have recognised the wonderful features of our school. We will share the outcomes with you as soon as this is approved by the inspectors. Well done to everyone at King's Academy Oakwood and to all staff from KAB who supported the inspection.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank staff at KAB/KAO and particularly the senior team, who have done so much in my absence. I could not ask for more supportive and effective colleagues. Thank you.

Finally, I look forward to returning to the KAB/KAO community next week where everyone can... DARE to be Remarkable!

Kind regards

Mrs Moore

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM BRACKNELL FOREST COUNCIL

Please see **page 6** for an important notice from Bracknell Forest Council regarding families in situations that may be considered as 'private fostering'.

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## ODD SOCKS FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

As we mentioned last week we are supporting this year's Anti-Bullying Alliance campaign by raising awareness of bullying and supporting inclusivity and diversity.

A reminder that Anti-Bullying week starts on Monday 13th November and we encourage all members of our community to wear odd socks on this day. There will also be assemblies and tutor activities that promote awareness of Anti-Bullying throughout the week.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

We have supported the Children in Need Charity for many years and this year we will continue to promote and raise awareness of their annual theme. This year, we're calling on schools across the UK to celebrate the power of positive



relationships, and the impact of these relationships in helping to support children and young people throughout the school years. Many children and young people experience some of their first positive relationships with teachers and mentors at school, and so we want to celebrate you!" To mark Children in Need we will be having a Non-School Uniform Day to raise money in support of their work on Friday 17th November. Families can make a voluntary contribution to Children in Need via the Schoolcomms App. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.



## BERKSHIRE MUSIC TRUST 'HAVE A GO' EVENT

After the success of their recent 'Have a go' event in Reading, where they had over 600 people through the door, Berkshire Music Trust are holding a similar event at Bracknell music centre at Ranelagh school on Saturday 18th November. See the flyer on **page 6** for more details. You can also find out more about Berkshire Music Trust via their [website](#).

# KABKAO UPDATES

## ERROR ON PRIMARY CHRISTMAS DATES LAST WEEK

Unfortunately there was an error with one of the dates signposted for the primary phase Christmas festivities. The KAO KS2 Christmas Show will take place on **14th Dec at 6pm**. All dates are now on the Dates for the Diary section including the correct information for the KAO KS2 Christmas Show.

Please accept our apologies for the confusion.

## FLORA'S VIP DAY OUT

On 7th November Flora from Quartz class at KAB was lucky enough to attend the State Opening of Parliament and the King's Speech.

She was hosted by James Gray MP who took her for a secret tour of Parliament while the guardsmen undertook the ceremonial searches of the cellars. We then watched the military parade and waved to the King and Queen in their carriage. Flora also appeared on the news as she waited in Westminster Central Lobby to watch the ceremonial summoning of the MPs in the House of Commons to hear the King's Speech in the House of Lords. She saw the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, the Speaker of the House of Commons and Black Rod.

Her mum has shared that she was very well behaved and lots of MPs remarked on how smart her uniform was!



## SIENNA & ISABEL TAKE TO THE STAGE

We've heard that Sienna (Y3) and Isabel (Y6) at KAO recently took part in a performance of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Both girls had great fun taking part, and the audience loved the show!



Well done girls!

## KAB SECONDARY STAFF GROW A MO FOR MOVEMBER!

With the start of November, it is also the start of no shave November, aka Movember. Movember is a charity initiative that focuses on men's health, in particular Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Prostate and Testicular Cancer.

Unfortunately, the rate of male suicides is extremely high, with 3 out of 4 suicides in the UK by men. Improving overall mental health and helping establish better social connections can reduce the risk of suicide.

In order to raise awareness, Mr Blake, Mr Patmore and other staff will take part in growing or styling a moustache with the aim of fostering conversations throughout the month so all students are comfortable having conversation about the big things in life.



Your help in fostering these conversations and supporting our students in talking through problems is greatly appreciated. Furthermore, if you are interested in more information or would like to donate to Movember charity, please follow the [link](#).






# KABKAO UPDATES

## PROGRESSIVE MASCULINITY ASSEMBLIES

We were very excited to invite Progressive Masculinity into school this week to deliver assemblies to students in Years 7-11 around attitudes towards masculinity. The assemblies were very well received with some interesting discussion points highlighted for further exploration in PSHE lessons. A small group of students were selected to take part in some workshops to explore further their attitudes towards masculinity in the modern climate. Further details about the work Progressive masculinity does within schools and with young people can be found here [www.progressivemasculinity.co.uk](http://www.progressivemasculinity.co.uk).

## SECONDARY PHASE REMARKABLE READING PROGRAMME

Please see the poster below for information about our Secondary Phase Remarkable Reading Programme.



### Remarkable Reading at King's Academy



This week we are launching Sparx Reader with our Year 7, 8 & 9 readers

We're delighted by the student and parent response to the new programme!

*'This is a great tool to help me track my child's reading. A fantastic addition to support my child's progress'. Y8 parent*

Watch this space for more remarkable reading updates including our library provision!

Mrs West | Assistant Principal



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Monday 13th November</b>	Anti Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
<b>Tuesday 14th November</b>	KAB Primary Prospective Parents Open Evening (5:30–7:00pm)
<b>Wednesday 15th November</b>	KAO Primary Prospective Parents Open Evening (5:30–7:30pm)
<b>Thursday 16th November</b>	Year 4 Residential Trip Meeting at KAB
<b>Friday 17th November</b>	Children in Need Mufti Day (more details to follow)
<b>w/c Monday 20th November</b>	Year 10 Assessment Window Starts
<b>Thursday 23rd November</b>	Flu Vaccinations – Years 7–11
<b>Tuesday 28th November</b>	Year 9 Languages Play (Spanish)
<b>Friday 1st December</b>	Inset Day – School closed for students
<b>w/c Monday 4th December</b>	Year 9 Assessment Window Starts
<b>Wednesday 6th December</b>	KAB KS1 Christmas Production – 10am and 2pm
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	KAO KS1 Christmas Production – 10am and 2pm
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	Year 12 Performing Arts Trip
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	Year 11 Parents Evening
<b>Friday 8th December</b>	KAB reception Christmas Carols in the classroom – 2:45–3:30pm
<b>Tuesday 12th December</b>	Nursery Christmas Carols in the classroom 2:45 – 3:30pm
<b>Tuesday 12th December</b>	KAB Secondary Phase Winter Showcase 4–8pm
<b>Tuesday 12th December</b>	KAO Christmas Pyjama Party 5–6pm
<b>Wednesday 13th December</b>	KAO reception Christmas Carols in the Classroom 2:45–3:30pm
<b>Wednesday 13th December</b>	KAB KS2 Christmas Show 6pm at KAB Secondary
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>	KAO KS2 Christmas Show 6pm at KAB Secondary
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>	KAB Christmas Pyjama Party 5–6pm
<b>Friday 15th December</b>	End of Term – students finish early (time TBC)



**Come and try all our instruments for FREE!**

**Just turn up on Saturday 18th November**

**1.30pm-3.30pm at our**

**Bracknell Music Centre, Ranelagh School**

**Ranelagh Drive, Bracknell RG12 9DA**

**[admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk)**

## Are you caring for someone else's child?



**That's OK.** But you **MUST** get in touch if:

- you are not a close relative
- it's been for over 28 days

**Why?** It could be private fostering and we need to make sure everyone is safe and has the right support.

You must notify the council.

01344 352005

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